They had been little goat herders together on the Sicilian hillside, Guiseppe and Maddalena. There, where the magic of Theocritus yet lingers, the brown children are as beautiful as Graces among the olive groves and vineyards. Maddalens, dancing with her ragged skirt held high, and her brown bare feet twinkling in the grass were the closis sings, might have made a living part of an idyl. It was always Maddalena who danced, and Beppo who sat on the scorched hillside piping music, his brown eyes mysterious with dreams.

They were both orphans and perhaps the loneliness was a link to draw them closer together. For such there was the stick if the goats strayed or they forgot to be home by sundown. Maddalena had her own share of beatings, yet she would have borne them double, trebled, if Beppo could only have gone free, for Beppo was fragile and gentle, and the stick that only enraged her and made obstinate had, on the contrary, made Beppo ill for days.

Yet, if Maddalens had not kept her wits about her, they would have been in trouble much oftener than they were. It was Beppo who would forget warm hillside the sickness of his last beating, and the chill of his empty stomach, making tunes for Maddalena to dance to, while the goats invaded the vineyards, or the dews and night found them yet far afield.

It was good while the summer lasted, and the children could forget the beatings in the comfort of the sun on their half-clad bodies. But harder when i was winter, sharp and bright, and there were more children, real children of the house, than the house could hold, and Beppo's starvation and nakedness told upon him, so that he coughed and grew exhilarated by the clear air and the unwinking sunlight.

Maddalena 'was always the little mother, ready with compassion and comfort for her Beppo, when they wan-dered apart from the other children, who and keep a roof for Beppo and me to looked at them askance because they were orphans, and had to bear the

blame and the blows. She was very much stronger than the boy, and their positions were quite re-versed, she bearing the heavy burden and taking the rough roads; he accept-ing this state of things, as though he were the girl and she the boy. No one but Maddalena knew as the boy himself did the aches and the wearings that made him lean on his friend as a sick child on the bosom of its mother.

But there was neither slokness nor chill in the air the day Antonio came that way.

It was a brilliant day and the joy o the world had got into Beppo's fluting and Maddalena's dancing. The little dark golden-brown girl in her ragged frock of brown and orange and scarle was gay as a humming bird. Lightly as one she poised and floated and swayed over the burned grasses, and danced faster as Beppo, with eyes of rapture,

Suddenly the pipe fell from his lips and the dancer came to earth.
"Brava, bravassima!" from the lips of

a stranger had sumced to break the

"Dance now, my beauty," said he:

dance again and let me delight myself with your grace! And you, Signor First Violin, will you not tune up "Ah." he cried, and again "Ah," with

deep breaths of satisfaction. And at last, having applauded vigorously, he begged them to lead him to their mothers in the cottage below.
"Ah!" said Maddalena, I have

mother, nor has Beppo. None care for up, looked distractedly about the hilllove each other, and make pets of the

She started suddenly, and springing us, looked distractedly about the hill-

"They have wandered again," she cried, "and to-night there will be beat-

ings and ho supper for thee, Beppo, and for me. Alas! it is my fault, and it is only last night that she beat thee, and starved thee, caro." She ran to Beppo and caught his

head to her breast as might a mother, quite unheeding the presence of the gay stranger, who was the cause of their transgression.

But Antonio Romano swore an oath

which the Recording Angel might well

"Per Bacco!" he cried, "Who Is she, this monster that beats and starves motherless babes? And thou, flower of the air, dost thou also go hungry as well as thy flute player?"

Maddalenz nodded energetically. A smile broke over the stranger's ex-

"Come away, my children," he said, "and let the goats wander home ungulded at evening. Come; we have room for both in the great carawan below there. We go to Palermo, where the signor shall pips to her."

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He took a hand of each, and the children, fascinated, went away with him Down below the hillside, in the shadow of the woods, the oxen that drew the great yellow and scarlet caravans made slesta for the mid-day.

Antonio was as good as his word. No father and mother could have been more tender to the little walfs than he and Teresita.

There was no hue and cry upon their tracks. Who cared for them. poor little human crickets, when the goats came home alone in the evening. At first the stick stood ready to the stout peasant's hands to punish them when they should come. But presently it was realized that they would not there she goes, like a golden butterfly, come and none grieved, since Beppo Dalyell looked at the mas in the was a weakling and Maddalena passionate and obstinate."

The years passed very happly, jour neying up and down the strange countries, with Antonio and Teresita and their troupe of mummers. Maddalena brought prosperity of a kind to Anto-nio. She was no ordinary dancing girl no common acrobat. The strength and her "Flower of the Air" retained her name, and everywhere the caravans giddy heights as secure and graceful as

But, as the snows and storms drov the circus into winter quarters, so the snows of age in time fell on Antonio. They had all earned for the day and saved nothing; and the time when the troupe melted and broke up, and Antonio and Teresita were left all but alone with their children.

sario saw the performance of the "Flower of the Air" and offered her an engagement at a salary that nigh took

er breath away. Maddalena danced with joy. "Now it is my turn," she said, "and you will go back to Sicily, little father

return to one day."
"Beppo will go with thee, child?" said

Antonio. "It is well. Are you not brother and sister? And Teresita and I will he happier knowing he is near thee in the wicked world." "We are to marry, Beppo and I. See

you, we have always loved each other. Before you came to love us we had only each other and the Madonna and the angels. And it is better that I should be Signors than Signorina in the world we And so it was settled, and the little

lovers of old became husband and after a minute on Dr. Hilton's face. wife and went away with the English impressario, while Antonio and Teresita went sadly back to Sicily and became proprietors, selling the caravans and turning the white oxen to the

The performance at the Variety drev many of the class which likes to see its ellow creatures throw dice with death. Sick there. The money is for the old Two men watched her from a private people. You will find it—Dr. Hilton—at fellow creatures throw dice with death. She was unspeakably brilliant in her doublet of gold tissue and hose of yellow satin.

"What a charming creature," said

you are, the legislature should put down such performances."

"It will eventually, when some great

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country people. Just look at their faces. Those women there has the very expression of the Roman domes when they turned up the familiar What do you suppose brings them ex cept the chance of seeing youder little iuman flower smashed to pleces!

"And you, Hilton?"
"I came for the same purpose, bu another reason. Do you see the hand some fellow in the wings who grout over the signora's beauty?"

'Yes, and a husband, It is for every day. It is for his sake I am

"She called me in to see him. He has been spitting blood."

"Does he know her danger?" "He sees the performance is dance ous, but he is used to it, and he has a bounded confidence in her strength and dexterity. They keep tnemselves from thinking too much by planning the life in Sicily when her peril is over-all the years are provided for. They do not all the Italian's frugality. I pray the thing may end well. But now-ah

wings. Unseen by the rest in the house, he was kissing his hand to the woman in the files, His slender figure caned forward a little; his eagur eyes

were full of light.
Suddenly—he could not tell low it happened, it was in a flash of time—the man in the wings staggered and birch-ed forward. He had the impulse it rush to his aid. But there rang and then everyone rose up; there was on the tight rope and disport herself at swaying, a breaking out of many ices, and the mass of people? was rashing confusedly in one direction.

I don't think he will know," said Dalyell, in a hushed voice, looking to ward the huddled-up figure in the wings. "At least he did not see her fall. Thank God for that!"

engried behind the scenes. hasty examination.

"Her back is broken," he said; "sh will not live very long. She is smashe

Come with me," said Dalyelt, think they have not found him, but he husband is lying in the wings." "No. I am afraid she saw him. It must have been that that caused the

'Ah! I saw her poor little face. The she came-crash!

Beppo was carried to a dressin com. There was nothing to be don for him. He had died quite suddenly. "Angina pectoris, no doubt," said Dr. Hilton. "Perhaps, poor lad, he re-alized suddenly that she was in deadly

gone before her."

"Ah! he need not know. It will be better than Sicily—and there are none

have left-him."

sitting with Major G. Creighton websiinspector general of my staff, and one
of the plucklest men I know, at the side
of the road. My men were filing past,
and we watched them. They were tired
out, but full of ginger. The day was
just beginning to dawn when we heard
rome one coming down the road, claking at the top of his lungs. He talked,
and laughed and laughed and talked,
and the men with him were chattering
and joking.

"Here come the colored troops," said
Webb, and sure enough the Twentyfifth infantry came along. The man
who was doing the talking was a skfoot corporal. He carried two guns and
two cartridge belts loaded full, and the
man to whom the extra sun belonged
was limping alongside him. The tall
corporal was weighted down with his
blanket and haversack, but in his arms
he carried a dog, the mascot of his company.

"Here corporal," said Webb, 'didn't

cany.

"Here, corporal, said Webb, 'didn't you march all last night?"

"Yes, sir,' said the corporal, trying o saiute.

"And didn't you fight all das"

"Sure air."
"And haven't you been marching evalue 10 o'clock to-night?"
"Yes, sir.' said the corporal.
"Well, then,' shouted Webb, 'what in under are you carrying that dog for?"
"Why, boss, the dog's tired,' was the

"Webb just rolled over in the dirt and nughed and cried like a boy."

Joke on the Other Fellow. His Mother (to wife going through the ockets of her husband's clothing) I

wouldn't do that, Irene. Come, now, do you think it is right?"

Wife-That depends upon the motive. My object is not mercenary. I only want to play a practical joke upon any pick-pocket who may happen to operate upon dear George.—Boston Transcript.

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Augustus, first of the Caesars, was ing statistics of his vast dominion. His passion for census-taking served Provi dence well, though he was all uncor scious of the contribution he was makscious of the contribution he was making toward that most stupendous event of human history. The king's heart was in this instance in the hand of the Lord as the rivers of water; he turned as he wished. The imperial decree issued on the Tiber caused two obscure peasants to take a journey along the Jordan—a jaurney all unnoticed by earth, but every step of which was viewed by heaven with breathless interest.

Angina pectoris, no doubt," said.

Alliton. "Perhaps, poor lad, he relized suddenly that she was in deadly ril. Perhaps not. Anyhow, he has me before her."

In the broken little figure of the Flower of the Air" life stirred. The yes, that seemed the only things unnived, opened and fixed themselves fiter a minute on Dr. Hilton's fale.

"Beppo," she said with difficulty." aw him fall."

The doctor held something to her ips.

"Be brave, my child; you are dying, but he has gone before you."

"Ah! he need not know. It will be better than Sicily—and there are none sick there. The money is for the old people. You will find it—Dr. Hilton—at my lodgings."

The voice died off in sing-song. "I am so glad," she panted again, "that he—has gone first—I could not have left—him."

"Come Dalyeil," said Dr. Hilton. "We can do no more. She will not speak can do no more got can be considered to disarm our native dread of the supernatural, to make us familiar with angels and fit to associate that many steps and fit to associate that many steps and fit to associate that many steps and fit to associate the supernatural, to make us familiar with angels and fit to associate that many steps and fit to associate the supernatural, to make us familiar with angels and fit to associate the supernatural to make us familiar with angels and fit t

stranger had sufficed to break the pell.

The newcomer was a bearded, dark fellow or middle age, with a wide mouth, and a smile of extreme enjoy-ment that fell on the children with a sufficiency from the perfect of the supering for the supering

to his Messiabship. Manger and swad-die are the double indorsement upon his holy commission. "The sign that he is King is the fact that he is born in a stable."

Now upon the vision of the already enraptured shephered there burnts a bril-ilant spectacle. The arch of night is peopled by a multitude of the heavenly the dronish work of tending sheep? But they did. There was nothing in their recent experience to give them a distance for the humble calling or to distance for the humble calling or to distance for the humble calling or to distance the first of the fir host. Wave on wave of scraphic music rolls o'er all those wide-extended plains. Grander orstorio never greeted human

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But the shepherds were not satisfied with the aesthetical enjoyment afrorded by sight and sound. They did not fall to dreaming, debating, or doubting. Their language was: "The thing is come to pass;" "The Lord has made it known;" Let us go and see it!"

The scattered sheep at will may glean, while the shepherds start on a run for Bethlehem. My soul! What a word is that: "THEY FOUND THE BABE!" Hallelujah! It was no illusion.

"As with joyful steps they sped.

"As with joyful steps they sped
To that lewly manger-bed.
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adors;
So may we with willing fee.
Ever seek the mercy-seat."

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